

# Ballfield Initiatives -- No. 008720

Category **M-NCPPC**  
 Agency **M-NCPPC**  
 Planning Area **Countywide**  
 Relocation Impact **None**

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 Required Adequate Public Facility

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 7-121 (04 App)  
 NO

## EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY03	Est. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	613	0	226	387	12	8	42	258	34	33	0
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	4,637	0	838	3,799	336	476	494	920	786	787	0
Construction	82	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,332</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>4,186</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>0</b>

## FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

PAYGO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	5,022	0	836	4,186	348	484	536	1,178	820	820	0
Current Revenue: General	310	0	310	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				18	0	0	4	5	5	0
Energy				155	0	15	26	38	38	0
Program-Staff				23	1	2	2	6	6	0
Program-Other				7	0	0	1	2	2	0
Offset Revenue				-58	-7	-7	-11	-11	-11	0
Net Impact				145	-6	10	22	39	40	0
Workyears				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

## DESCRIPTION

This project addresses countywide ballfield needs by funding ballfield improvements on parkland, school sites, and other public sites or private properties, e.g. utility company rights-of-way. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, ballfield lighting, reconfiguration, upgrades, or new partnership initiatives. M-NCPPC improvements on properties other than parkland shall be made pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding which details the responsibilities of all parties. Generally, ballfields to be constructed as part of new park construction or reconstruction will be shown in the individual new park construction or reconstruction PDFs. The Montgomery County Planning Board shall select sites appropriate for these improvements. In January 1999, the Planning Board established a Work Group comprised of major sport user groups, public agencies and the Countywide Recreation Advisory Board to address the acute shortages of ballfields in the County.

Annually design, construct/install, and supervise construction of ballfield improvements; reconfigure selected fields at park and park/school sites; upgrade fields; install goals, outfield fences, and ballfield lighting at selected fields to increase permitting opportunities; negotiate with public and private landowners/partnerships; coordinate with other related CIP ballfield projects and with the Work Group.

Projects include, but are not limited to, renovating school fields, replacing ballfield lights at fields 1-5 at Olney Manor Recreational Park, installing new lights at fields 4 and 5 at Wheaton Regional Park, installing new lights at fields 1 and 2 at Damascus Recreational Park, planning a new field on the former Hondros property at South Germantown Recreational Park, and planning, designing, and installing artificial surface fields.

This project includes a \$200,000 grant from Montgomery County to Maryland Community Baseball, Inc. (MCB), a non-profit corporation, to provide various improvements at the baseball field on parkland titled to Montgomery County adjoining Montgomery Blair High School. MCB owns the franchise rights to a team under the name of the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts in the Clark Griffith Collegiate Baseball League. The grant will assist MCB in building prefabricated stadium seating, a concession stand/announcer's booth, and a scoreboard. MCB intends to raise funds for other improvements to the field including a sound system, upgrades to lighting, and an entrance feature. The Commission has negotiated a license agreement with MCB regarding the use of the baseball field and the terms of the grant funding for the improvements to the field. The County Council approved this grant in FY02, Resolution 14-1233.

## JUSTIFICATION

Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan (PROS): A Local Land Preservation and Recreation Plan, approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board in July, 1998, and 1997 surveys of Montgomery County users of parks and recreation facilities identified a serious shortage of ballfields throughout the County. The Ballfield Work Group Reports, Phases 1 and 2, 1999.

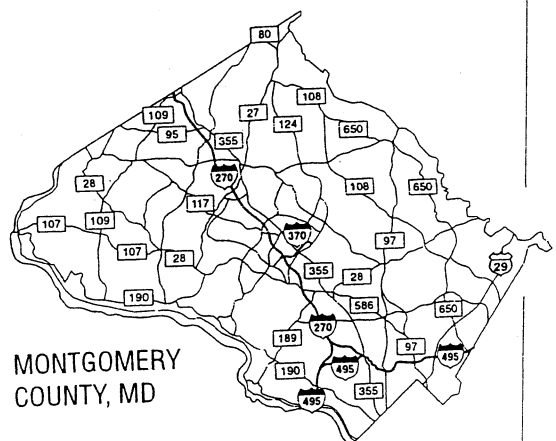
## APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY99	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		3,250
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY99	3,250
Last FY's Cost Estimate		6,119
Present Cost Estimate		5,332
Appropriation Request	FY05	242
Appropriation Req. Est.	FY06	529
Supplemental Appropriation Request	FY04	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		1,580
Expenditures/Encumbrances		96
Unencumbered Balance		1,484
Partial Closeout Thru	FY02	0
New Partial Closeout	FY03	1,863
Total Partial Closeout		1,863

## COORDINATION

PLAR: M-NCPPC Non-Local Parks PDF 968755  
 PLAR: M-NCPPC Local Parks PDF 967754  
 Individual PDFs which fund planning, design and/or construction of new or reconstructed ballfields.  
 Montgomery County Public Schools  
 Community Use of Public Facilities

## MAP



**Plans and Studies**

Staff report to the Montgomery County Planning Board, March 23, 2001, "Montgomery Community Baseball - Silver Spring/Takoma Thunderbolts proposal for improvements to create a stadium baseball field at Blair Senior High School."

**Cost Change**

Increase due to the addition of FY09 and FY10 to this ongoing project.

**STATUS**

Ongoing.

Grant related improvements at Montgomery Blair High School are sixty percent complete. The Department has completed an inventory of 238 school sites in Montgomery County and continues to evaluate these sites to determine their suitability for renovation as part of this program.

**FISCAL NOTE**

In FY03, this project received \$49,000 in General Obligation Bonds and \$58,000 in Current Revenue General which was transferred from the Ballfield Lighting PDF 008721.